

**GRAND FORKS SCHOOL BOARD
GRAND FORKS PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT #1
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
August 3, 2020**

The Grand Forks School Board held a special meeting on Monday, August 3, 2020, with President Amber Flynn presiding. As a precautionary measure against the transmission of COVID-19, the meeting was held at the Red River High School Performance Hall.

Board Members Present: Doug Carpenter, Chris Douthit, Amber Flynn, Jacqueline Hoffarth, Eric Lunn, Jeff Manley, Shannon Mikula, and Cynthia Shabb. **Absent:** Bill Palmiscno.

Student Board Members Present: None.

Others Present: Dr. Terry Brenner, Superintendent of Schools; Scott J. Berge, Business Manager; Jody Thompson, Associate Superintendent of Elementary Education; Catherine Gillach, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education; Melissa Buchhop, President, Grand Forks Education Association; and Cindy Johnson, Executive Secretary.

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m.

Athletics. Following opening remarks by Dr. Brenner, Mark Rerick, Athletic Director, gave an overview of the restart plan for athletics. which is attached and made a part of the minutes. Rerick said the guidelines are designed to separate groups of kids, limit the amount of close contact, and increase distancing throughout the season as much as possible. Athletic directors are working on schedules and tiebreaker scenarios, and that teams will play only teams within their conference or local area until tournaments. Discussion continued with Q&A from Board members. Topics included:

- Use of locker rooms.
- Self-reporting of possible COVID symptoms.
- Attendance logs.
- Fan attendance at competitions.
- Low- to high-risk sports and club sports.
- Socioeconomic barriers to certain sports.
- Equipment protections including the sharing of water bottles and wearing facemasks.
- Minimization of team meetings and social gatherings.
- Livestreaming of events.
- Assessing and monitoring when to shut down a sport.

Hoffarth joined the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

- Title IX requirements.
- Visitors in the school buildings.

It was moved by Lunn and seconded by Shabb to make this an actionable item. It was pointed out that this item is listed on the agenda as a discussion item and not an action item. Motion and second were withdrawn because the agenda for a special meeting cannot be changed. It will be considered for action at the next meeting. Overall, Board members were supportive of the draft plan.

The Board recessed the meeting from 6:52 p.m. to 6:59 p.m.

School Reopening Plan 2020-2021. Dr. Brenner reviewed suggestions and requests from the July 28 meeting. Some responses from the Health Department are pending. Shawn McBride, Field Epidemiologist for the North Dakota State Health Department; Linsey Rood, GFPS Human Resources Director; and Theresa Knox, Nursing and Nutrition Supervisor at Grand Forks Public Health participated in the discussion. Topics included:

- Return-to-work certification and mandated testing.

- Availability of substitute teachers and Teachers On Call (a substitute staffing service).
- Sick leave benefits.
- Music and Physical Education restart plans are pending.
- Benefits of wearing a facemask.
- Capacity for contact tracing.
- Training on contact tracing for nursing and other staff.
- Travel restrictions.
- Advantages and disadvantages of synchronous and asynchronous distance learning and the percentage of time spent in each approach.

Dr. Brenner reiterated the plan is to open school but to also provide parents and staff the choice for distance learning. The Administration is continually looking at the research and data as well as discussions with Public Health and will adjust along the way as needed.

It was moved by Lunn and seconded by Douthit to approve the draft School Reopening Plan for 2020-2021. Motion carried unanimously. Absent: Palmiscno.

Adjournment. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Approved _____
(Date)

Amber Flynn, President

Scott J. Berge, Business Manager

Grand Forks Public Schools Activities Reopening Guidelines

Topic	Green Phase	Yellow Phase	Orange/Red Phase
Permissible Activities	Workouts, Practices, and Competitions are permitted.	Workouts, Practices, and Competition are permissible. Competition may be limited in some areas based on changing conditions.	No Activities
Management Procedures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Daily attendance records should be kept. * Cohort groups should be maintained and documented. * Designate equipment to specific cohort groups. 	<p>In addition to green guidelines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Staggering of practice times to limit congestion in common areas. * Group sizes may be limited or will be divided by level. 	No Activities
Transportation/Travel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Transportation will be provided to out of town contests. * No travel out of GF County for middle schools. * Masks are required for all travel. * All levels will travel. * Individuals should maintain social distance to the maximum extent possible. * Seating charts should be provided. Maintain the same seats to/from destination. * Seating should be arranged so practice partners/groups are seated in proximity to each other. * Load bus back to front. Unload front to back. * Overnight trips prior to the post-season are prohibited. 	<p>In addition to green guidelines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Travel may be limited for lower level teams/groups to provide greater social distance. 	No Activities

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Locker Rooms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * If an athlete does not need to use a locker room, they should remain out of the area. * Locker room use should be limited to one team at a time. *No loitering in locker rooms before or after practices. 	<p>In addition to the green guidelines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Locker rooms will only be available for teams that require equipment storage: Football, hockey, etc... * Individuals on these times will be allowed in the locker room at a limited number at a time. 	No Activities
Cleaning/Sanitization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *General cleaning of athletic areas and equipment will be completed daily. *Hand sanitizer and disinfecting products will be readily available. 	<p>In addition to the green guidelines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Cleaning of athletic areas and equipment will be completed intermittently during practices. * Practice equipment should not be shared from one practice session to another without being sanitized. 	No Activities
Uniforms/Practice Gear	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Uniforms and practice gear must be washed daily. * Practice jerseys should not be shared. * Athletes should make every effort to shower at home rather than in the locker room. 	<p>In addition to the green guidelines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Showers may be closed to use. 	No Activities
Hydration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * All athletes should have their own water bottle. * No sharing of water bottles. * A designated individual should be tasked with filling all water bottles. *No hydration stations will be available for general use. 	Same guidelines as green phase.	No Activities

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Spectators/Fan Attendance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Spectators are asked to socially distance. * Capacity limits in athletic venues will be enforced in accordance with ND Smart Restart / CDC Guidelines. * Spectators are asked to vacate the facility immediately upon completion of event. * No loitering or gathering before/during/after events. * Masks are required to be worn inside GFPS facilities. 	<p>In addition to the green guidelines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Attendance by spectators at events may be further limited or eliminated. 	No Activities
Game Staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Game staff should be limited to the minimum number of individuals needed. * Game staff will be required to wear masks. * Hand sanitizer will be provided at all game staff areas. (Scorers tables, press box, etc...) 	Same guidelines as green phase.	No Activities
Admissions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Online ticket payments are preferred over cash. * Admissions staff should be masked and use gloves. * Sneeze guards will be provided at admissions counters/tables. * Patrons are encouraged to purchase activity passes. 	<p>In addition to the green guidelines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Cash transactions are limited to exact change. 	No Activities
Fund Raising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * All fund raising should be limited to online options. 	Same guidelines as green phase.	No Activities

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Meetings (Team/Parent/Booster)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * If in person, social distancing should be practiced. * Virtual meetings are preferred. 	Same guidelines as green phase.	* Only virtual meetings allowed.
Training Rooms	* Altru Health System will provide guidelines.		
Additional Activity Guidelines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Masks should be worn in indoor GFPS facilities other than when the students are actively participating. * Masks should be stored in an individually labeled ziplock bag when the individual is actively participating. * Students should arrive no sooner than is necessary to get prepared for their activity. * Students should be socially distanced when possible during the activity. * Hand sanitizer and disinfecting supplies should be available. * Students should leave the facility at the conclusion of their activity. 	<p>In addition to the green guidelines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Staggering of practice/rehearsal times is mandatory to alleviate congestion. * Group sizes may be limited. 	No Activities
Concessions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Only prepackaged items may be sold. * Workers are required to wear masks and gloves. * Concessions should be staffed to permit social distancing. * Waiting areas for patrons should be marked for social distancing. * Tables should be properly spaced to encourage social distancing. 	<p>In addition to the green guidelines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Tables may be removed to discourage gathering. 	

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Media	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * In-person access to athletes/participants/Coaches may be restricted to virtual or socially distanced methods. * Media should be prepared to use an alternate broadcast location away from scorer's table or press box based on ability to properly social distance from game staff. * Media will wear face masks inside of GFPS facilities and when in proximity to participants/coaches/game staff. 	<p>In addition to green guidelines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Media access may be further restricted or limited at contests. 	No Activities
Scheduling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Number of contests/events/performances may be limited. * Scheduling will be done on a regional basis to limit travel. * The number of schools participating in invitationals/tournaments/contest will be limited. 	Same guidelines as green phase	

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